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	Generation Method And	§		
	System	§		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 26, 2003, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and associated Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.